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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION PRESS CLAIMS FBI INVOLVED IN LOCAL INVESTIGATION  
          OF BOGUS BANK DRAFT RACKET

THE OPPOSITION MOSCOW ORIENTED "MIRROR" ON JULY 23 RAN A  
STORY WHICH ALLEGES AN ACCELERATION IN THE CRIME RATE IN THE  
WAKE OF THE "RIGGED" JULY 10 REFERENDUM TO AMEND THE CONSTITU-  
TION. INCLUDED IN THE ARTICLE IS A REFERENCE TO A BOGUS BANK  
DRAFT RACKET IN WHICH VICTIMS ARE DUPED INTO PURCHASING COUNTER-  
FEIT CASHIER'S CHECKS, INCLUDING MANY DRAWN ON US BANKS. THE  
ARTICLE FURTHER ALLEGES THAT FBI AGENTS ARE IN GUYANA CONDUCTING  
AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE MATTER.

COMMENT: IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT MANY BUSINESSMEN AND  
PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS IN GUYANA ACCEPT CASHIER'S CHECKS TO AVOID  
CURRENCY REGULATIONS. ACCORDING TO CENTRAL BANK STATISTICS,  
LOCAL BANK CASHIER'S CHECKS OUTSTANDING AT THE END OF 1977  
AMOUNTED TO US\$7.5 MILLION OR 17 PERCENT OF DEMAND DEPOSITS.  
LOCAL BANKERS HAVE TOLD US THAT A COUNTERFEITING RACKET  
HAS DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF THIS PRACTICE. THE EMBASSY  
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HAS RECEIVED NO INQUIRIES FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS CONCERNING  
THE ALLEGED FBI INVOLVEMENT.  
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